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SUBJECT : DAHOMEANS VISIT GUINEA

REF: COTONOU 1778

1. GUINEAN NEWSPAPER HOROYA DATED NOVEMBER 22 REPORTED THAT DELEGATION LED BY CAPT GUEZODJE VINCENT - MINISTER OF NATIONAL EDUCATION, AND INCLUDING AMONG OTHERS CAPT AYIKPE MICHEL - MINISTER OF INTERIOR AND SECURITY, MR VIDEGLA PAMPHILE - MAYOR OF COTONOU, AND OKUDJOU PIERRA CLAVER - TECHNICAL COUNSELOR FOR NATIONAL EDUCATION, REPRESENTED DAHOMEY AT GUINEAN CELEBRATION OF THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF VICTORY OVER INVADERS.

2. FOLLOWING IS PRESS REPORT OF VINCENT'S STATEMENT ON ARRIVAL:

"WE ARE HAPPY TO COME TO GUINEA TO PARTICIPATE IN FESTIVITIES MARKING THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF GUINEAN PEOPLE'S

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VICTORY OVER PORTUGUESE AGGRESSION, VICTORY WHICH SHOWS DETERMINATION OF THE BROTHERLY PEOPLE OF GUINEA TO WORK TO

CONSOLIDATE BASES OF ITS REVOLUTION FOR TRUE NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE. I ALSO HAVE THE DUTY TO BRING GREETINGS FROM PRESIDENT KEREKOU, LEADER (RESPONSABLE) OF THE DAHOMEAN REVOLUTION TO THE PEOPLE OF GUINEA AND THEIR CHIEF, PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE. MY SENTIMENTS, AS YOU CAN GUESS, ARE FOR THE ATTACHMENT OF THE DAHOMEAN PEOPLE TO THEIR BROTHERS THE GUINEAN PEOPLE. OUR WISH IS THAT ALL THE PEOPLES OF AFRICA WILL BRING TO THE BROTHERLY PEOPLE OF GUINEA THEIR FIRM SUPPORT IN THEIR DETERMINATION FOR TRUE INDEPENDENCE. CONCERNING TIES BETWEEN OUR PEOPLE, THEY HAVE ALWAYS BEEN FRATERNAL AND WILL EVEN BE MORE SO BECAUSE WE ARE ALL WORKING FOR THE TRIUMPH OF THE AFRICAN DEMOCRATIC REVOLUTION."

3. DAHOMEAN DELEGATION UNDOUBTEDLY MET PRIVATELY WITH PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE FOR A FEW MINUTES AS DID ALL OTHER DELEGATIONS. HOWEVER, THEY DID NOT ASSUME ANY PROMINENCE, DID NOT RECEIVE ANY SPECIAL ATTENTION, NOR ENGAGE IN ANY UNUSUAL ACTIVITY WHICH CAME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE EMBASSY.
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